

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: September 20, 2006

Division: County Administration

Bulk Item: Yes X No

Department: County Administration

Staff Contact Person: Debbie Frederick

AGENDA ITEM WORDING:

Approval to transfer transportation bus #1917 to HigherLove Mission Outreach, Inc.

ITEM BACKGROUND:

HigherLove Mission Outreach, Inc. provides services to the unmet needs of the homeless and poverty-stricken communities of the Middle Keys. Their services have been severely limited as they no longer have a working vehicle; therefore, they are asking the County to donate one of our surplus buses to them to assist with the services they provide.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:

The transfer of two surplus buses were granted to Habitat for Humanity last year.

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approval.

TOTAL COST: -0-

BUDGETED: Yes No

COST TO COUNTY: -0-

SOURCE OF FUNDS:

REVENUE PRODUCING: Yes No **AMOUNT PER MONTH** **Year**

APPROVED BY: County Atty OMB/Purchasing Risk Management

DOCUMENTATION: Included X Not Required

DISPOSITION:

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Office of the County Administrator

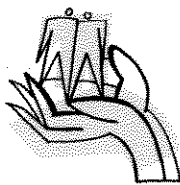
TO: BOCC

FROM: Debbie Frederick
Deputy County Administrator

DATE: September 5, 2006

SUBJECT: Agenda Item Information

The HigherLove Mission Outreach, Inc. provides services to the homeless and poverty-stricken communities of the Middle Keys. The Monroe County Transportation Program currently has one surplus bus available which can carry up to eight ambulatory and two wheelchair individuals. The current value of this bus is approximately \$5,000. The last time the County held a Request for Bids on a surplus bus no bids were received. Instead of not utilizing and storing this vehicle, it is being recommended by staff to donate bus #1917 to the HigherLove Mission Outreach, Inc.



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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

HIGHERLOVE MISSION OUTREACH, Inc.

"Demonstrating the Love of God in the Heart of the Florida Keys"

August 1, 2006

Debbie Frederick
Deputy County Administrator
1100 Simonton Street
Key West, FL 33040

Dear Ms. Frederick,

HigherLove Mission Outreach, Inc. is a 501C-3 faith-based non-profit organization created to service the unmet needs of the homeless and poverty-stricken communities of the Middle Keys. HLMO equips individuals with the tools necessary to take those important initial steps toward recovery, restoration and self-sufficiency.

In 2003, HLMO opened the HigherLove Mission Outreach Day Center, where chronic homeless individuals can access a variety of services ranging from a full service soup kitchen, laundry and shower facilities, clothing depot, social service and employment referrals, family reunification and transportation services. Included in the transportation program is our coordination with the City of Marathon and Monroe County to assist with hurricane evacuation of the homeless, boaters and those without a way out of the Keys. However, our transportation services have been severely limited because we no longer possess a working vehicle dedicated for this purpose. We also transport people to medical appointments, shopping, and various meetings when appropriate. We have relied on volunteers and personal vehicles.

In that vein, it has been brought to our attention by Bill Duckworth of Monroe County Transportation, that a county bus may be available. He suggested we contact your office to discuss the possibility of having this bus donated to HigherLove, similar to the donation of two buses to Habitat for Humanity in Big Pine last year..

HigherLove Mission Outreach operates on a shoe string budget, with no full time paid staff members. Donations are the lifeblood of our program services which makes it imperative for us to solicit them whenever an opportunity presents itself. A bus would permit us to open up a host of other services to our clients, most importantly, the hurricane evacuation component.

I look forward to speaking with you in further detail about this matter. I thank you in advance for your time and consideration regarding this request. Please feel free to contact me at 305-766-0102.

Sincerely,

Deborah Maletic
Executive Director
HigherLove Mission Outreach, Inc.

HigherLove Mission Outreach
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